

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A power output apparatus comprising:
an engine including a combustion chamber;
a fuel supply device for supplying fuel into the combustion chamber;
an exhaust gas purification device for purifying gas emitted from the combustion chamber by a catalyst; and
a control device for controlling said fuel supply device to (1) perform first a fuel increase process of increasing an amount of the fuel in the combustion chamber from that at a present state depending on a temperature of the catalyst, and (2) perform second a fuel supply stop process of stopping supply of the fuel after passing a predetermined time from a start time point of the fuel increase process, as a control for preventing deterioration of the catalyst upon stopping said engine.
2. (Original) The power output apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control device controls said fuel supply device such that a start time point of the fuel supply stop process coincides with a start time point of a process of stopping said engine.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) The power output apparatus according to claim 3~~1~~, wherein said control device controls said fuel supply device to perform the fuel increase process if the temperature of the catalyst is above a predetermined temperature threshold value.
5. (Currently Amended) The power output apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said control device controls said fuel supply device such that a start time point of the~~

~~predetermined time the fuel supply stop process is after passing about~~ two to three seconds from a ~~the~~ start time point of the fuel increase process.

6-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A hybrid power output apparatus comprising:
an engine including a combustion chamber;
a fuel supply device for supplying fuel into the combustion chamber;
an exhaust gas purification device for purifying gas emitted from the combustion chamber by a catalyst;
a control device for controlling said fuel supply device to (1) perform first a fuel increase process of increasing an amount of the fuel in the combustion chamber from that at a present state depending on a temperature of the catalyst, and (2) perform second a fuel supply stop process of stopping supply of the fuel after passing a predetermined time from a start time point of the fuel increase process, as a control for preventing deterioration of the catalyst upon stopping said engine; and
a motor generator apparatus which can generate electric power by using at least one portion of an output of said engine and which can output a driving force through a drive shaft.

16. (Original) The hybrid power output apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said engine performs an intermittent operation, and
a stop time point of said engine includes a transition time point from an operating period to a down period in the intermittent operation.

17-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A hybrid vehicle comprising:
(i) a hybrid power output apparatus comprising:
an engine including a combustion chamber;

a fuel supply device for supplying fuel into the combustion chamber;

an exhaust gas purification device for purifying gas emitted from the combustion chamber by a catalyst;

a control device for controlling said fuel supply device to (1) perform first a fuel increase process of increasing an amount of the fuel in the combustion chamber from that at a present state depending on a temperature of the catalyst, and (2) perform second a fuel supply stop process of stopping supply of the fuel after passing a predetermined time from a start time point of the fuel increase process, as a control for preventing deterioration of the catalyst upon stopping said engine; and

a motor generator apparatus which can generate electric power by using at least one portion of an output of said engine and which can output a driving force through a drive shaft,

(ii) a vehicle main body on which said hybrid power output apparatus is mounted; and

(iii) wheels mounted on said vehicle main body and driven by a driving force outputted through the drive shaft.